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Dr. Charles Townes
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Townes:

The United States Intelligence Board has decided to convene
a panel of experts under the auspices of the Guided Missile and
Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) to review evidence
concerning the Soviet ABM program and to consider divergent
interpretations of data which exist within the intelligence community
on certain key points. In confirmation of informal arrangements
made by telephone, I should like to ask you to chair this Panel,
which is to meet at CIA Headquarters, Langley, Virginia, on 24
and 25 October and as much of 26 October 1963 as is necessary to
produce a written report.

The starting time on 24 October has been set for 9:00 A.M.,
at which time the Panel will be greeted by Mr. McCone. Meetings
are expected to continue during the evenings of 24 and 25 October
and dinner will be provided in the Headquarters building on those
evenings.

The following are being invited to serve on the Panel and have
indicated their acceptance:

> Dr. Donald P. Ling
> Dr. Allen Peterson
> Dr. Marvin Goldberger
> Dr. Richard Latter
> Dr. William J. Perry

There may be one additional member provided by the Navy.

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Administrative support will be provided by
of the GMAIC Secretariat. Please feel free to contact him for any
assistance you may require. His office is in Room 2A266, Pentagon,
and his home telephone number is

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Sincerely yours,

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Albert D. Wheelon
Deputy Director
(Science and Technology)

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